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## The President's Pen

By Ike Chapman, KE4GYM

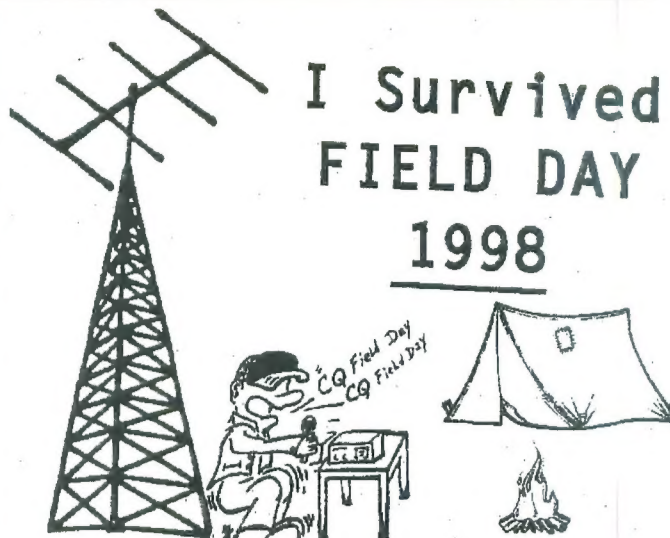


After last year's Field Day, we all asked what can we do for an encore? Now we know. This was a superb effort by Mark Kozma, KD3GC and the Field Day committee. We also need to recognize all those **GARS** members that came helped setup, operate, man the hospitality table, and assist with the tear down. I was onsite for almost the entire weekend and I can tell you that with the exception of when the food bell rang for dinner on Saturday night and the midnight snack that the rigs stayed occupied 100% of the time. Even when the band conditions began to deteriorate on some bands, we had folks stick with it and try to make what contacts they could. I've not yet heard from Mark on what the preliminary score looks like but I think it's safe to say that we did much better that last year.

We also need to give the folks that fed us all weekend a big hurrah. When the Carter Wood, KF4HLF proposed having turkey for the evening meal we all thought that was a great idea but we had no idea how great. The first plan was to roast them but then I heard we were go-

ing to have deep fried turkey and was assured that I'd enjoy it. Talk about an understatement. Manuel Dominguez, KF4RLZ, Odelio Banuelos, KF4RMB, and Jose Puga, KF4VSH did a fantastic job with the turkeys. I also want to thank Earl Whatley, AF4FG, Nova, Whately, KF4HLG, Suzanne Farr and all the rest of the folks that pitched in to help. The midnight snack of gumbo and shrimp beignets was fantastic as was breakfast the following morning. All of these folks worked hard all weekend to feed us and I don't thing any of them had a chance to operate at all. So next time you see or talk to one of them let them know how much we appreciate their efforts.

So what do we do for an encore to this Field Day. Right now I'm not sure but I know that this club will think of something. To start with, we'll need a new Field Day Chairman. Mark has served for two years and has said this would be his last. The good news about taking this position is that you have a great amount of planning from the previous



## DID YOU?

What a Field Day! Another Fine example of GARS shining through. Thanks to Mark Kozma, KD3GC for another well planned, well enjoyed and well "contested" GARS Field Day Event.

The above graphic was printed on tee-shirts along with the GARS logo and offered for sale at Field Day. Thanks to John Sokol, K9AOK for putting that together.

So wear yours at the next GARS Meeting in a show of support and thanks to all of those involved with the GARS 1998 Field Day Event.

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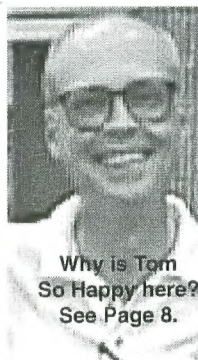
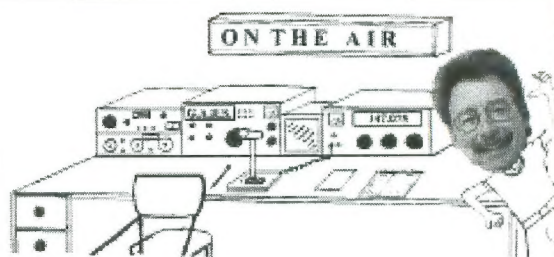
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## On The Air with Tom Dooley K4TJD

by  
**Karl Phillips, K4GZZ**



Why is Tom  
So Happy here?  
See Page 8.

Tom was born and raised in Savannah, Georgia. He attended Herschel V. Jenkins High School and graduated in 1971. At the age of around 16, Tom got interested in all kinds of electronics and since that early age of sixteen, has built over 30 kits from Heathkit. Even with all of this kit building, Tom was never introduced to amateur radio at that early age. As a teenager, Tom got interested in the repair of televisions and would take the tubes to a local store and use their tester to evaluate the problem by testing the tubes. He even was able to fix his dad's electric garage door opener. It's hard to believe he tinkered with every type of electronic "thing-a-ma-bob" imaginable, but never crossed paths with amateur radio. Tom was even skilled enough in electronics to install time-delayed windshield wipers to his car....this before those type of windshield wipers were even factory installed. He also built numerous Popular Electronics kits. You "old timers" will remember those. I wouldn't know anything about that, right? As a teen, Tom also worked summers at a local paper mill. He would earn about \$3,000 for the summer and then make it last until the next summer.

After high school, Tom attended a local community college and after that joined the Air Force as an Airborne Communicator. He was assigned duty at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. After serving active duty he joined the Air National Guard and the 165th Infantry stationed back in Savannah. Tom then moved to Athens to attend the University of Georgia and graduated in 1978....the same year that he was discharged from the military. He served 6 years in the service and graduated from UGA with a degree in Accounting. Also

in 1978, while attending UGA, Tom met a ham operator named David Black. David was a model airplane/helicopter enthusiast and he had a "ton" of amateur radio gear. That was Tom's first real "taste" of ham radio, but he did not get into the hobby due insufficient funds. Tom was so poor...(How poor was he !!!!) that he couldn't even "pay" attention. He did dabble a little bit with CB radio,

since it wasn't that expensive to get into.

Tom moved to Atlanta (actually Clarkston) in December of 1978. He went to work for a CPA firm in downtown named AM Pullen and Company. He left after a year there and joined another firm - WES & Company. He began to travel a lot in his new position. Tom got his CPA Certification in 1981.

In 1984, Tom finally really got into ham radio, though he says it was mainly by "accident". Tom, being real interested in model aircraft flight, set out to get his ham ticket only because he would need it to operate the transmitters used to fly the model helicopters. It seems the transmitters operate on a part of the 6 meter band, therefore you need a license. He successfully passed his code and written test for his Novice license. His first call was KB4KFR. Phonetically I spell -KB4 (K)ant a(F)ford a (R)adio !!!! Man, what a stretch that was !!!! Anywho - Tom never got his Tech license, which he would need to operate the transmitters.

In February of 1996, his ticket has expired, but in August of 1996 he started all over again, passing his no code Tech test at Howie's exam class. He was then licensed KF4LSH. This would give him the privileges that he would need to fly the model helicopters. He's flown them ever since and has a great collection of them

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## Ares SkyWarn

By Lowry Rouse, KM4Z  
Gwinnett Co. E.C.



Before I report about field day and other June ARES activities, I'd like to highlight 4 Gwinnett ARES individuals who responded to an emergency call recently. On Friday night June 5th, some strong thunderstorm cells were passing through the area. The cells were passing north and south of Gwinnett and a net hadn't been activated because there were no warnings or watches out for Gwinnett at that time. A group of us were talking on the repeater about the weather situation. Randy Grunwell (KE4YZV) broke in shortly after 8pm and reported a gust of wind had just blown a tree onto his house doing substantial damage. I reported this event to the NWS immediately. I asked Randy what needed to be done to protect his house from an approaching rain storm. It was also getting dark rapidly and "time was a-wasting". I made a call on the repeater for anyone close by Randy's location to run by and lend assistance. No one was immediately in the area so I decided to go to the phone. Just as I started dialing, Eddie Foust checked in asking Randy specific questions about what would be required to temporarily cover the damage to the roof. As Eddie was getting that information, I had dialed Joe Biddle (AD4PZ). He lives near Randy and I surprisingly found out he overheard the conversation and was already getting items together to rush

over there. Well, in the meantime, Jeff Cutchins (KF4NBD) had gotten into the conversation on .075 with the group. He had a large tarp and offered it for Randy's use. Then, it was decided that my 40 foot extension ladder might be needed to get up on Randy's roof. The problem was that a truck would be needed to haul it to Randy's house which is about 10 miles away. That's when Wally Marsh (KE4KQB) volunteered to haul the ladder with his van and ladder rack. Perfect, within 20 to 30 minutes a plan had been made, material, tools obtained

and people deployed to the site. Just as Wally arrived at my house, Joe called in and said the 40 foot ladder wouldn't be needed. At that time I drove up to Randy's. By the time I arrived, Eddie and Joe were just about to complete the tarp installation over the damaged roof section. The pine tree that fell was a healthy tree, but the wind gust was strong enough to snap it off about 10 to 12 feet above the ground. Randy's back deck was also heavily damaged, but fortunately no injuries occurred.

I appreciate these four fellow hams and it isn't the only time I've seen those guys participating in an emergency situation either. It's good to know that we have individuals such as these in Gwinnett Co. to rely on when an emergency occurs. Thanks guys. Oh, by the way, Jeff (Not-a Bad Day) bought me a cup of coffee at Waffle House afterwards.

O.K., on to FIELD DAY. Mark (KD3GC), congratulations on an excellent, excellent event. The antenna arrangement was great, operating positions superb, power generators were a bit noisy (just kidding Barry), and food was delicious. The generators were provided by Barry Zoll (N1TOQ) and they worked flawlessly.

Barry may want to write an article giving a more technical review of the units but in general they were super quite and economical on gas consumption. To my knowledge neither one ever went down or gave a moments trouble. As most of you know, one of the units isn't on the market for sale yet and we were actually beta testing the unit while enjoying Field Day. Way to go Honda!

GARS can be very proud of their Field Day activities and thanks for putting it together and making it happen. I certainly feel proud to be a GARS member and would recommend to any ham, come and visit with us and I know you'll want to be a member too.

In August, the monthly meeting of Gwinnett ARES/SKYWARN mem-

**WELCOME!**  
**NEW**  
**MEMBERS**

Please join me in welcoming our newest GARS members:

K4BET	- Paul McInnish
KF4YQU	- Dennis Kirkland
KF4YSU	- Dan Keohan
KF4WEF	- James Griffith
KF4YST	- Sid Williams
N4TRB	- Brian Page
KF4YQV	- Donald Vick
KF4MDW	- Michael Ross
KF4SYP	- Scott Price
WB4TXR	- Doris McInnish

Best regards,

Jack - WU4H  
Membership Chairman

## THANKS & Appreciation

**I Would like to Thank  
the following Amateurs  
for their assistance  
in the installation  
of my 3 element  
TH3 Beam on  
May 23RD."**

**MARK KOZMA - KD3GC  
TOM DOOLEY - K4TJD  
GENE GACH - KF4NOG**

**from Karl, K4GZZ**



## The Mouse's Machines

by Kevin Berry, KF4RMA

I recently spent a week at Walt Disney World's Coronado Springs Resort, attending a conference. My dual band HT made the trip too and I chewed the rag with several other Hams on the "property". Some, like me, were visitors, others worked for Disney. From the latter I learned the Walt Disney World Amateur Radio Club is comprised of Disney employees and sponsors two repeaters. Both machines are located on top of Disney's Contemporary Hotel and are 147.300+ no tone, and 442.000+ pl 103.5. Coverage is good although, high power (5W) is necessary in some areas.

Disney employees who belong to the WDWARC are technically oriented, as are most Hams. What's really neat is how these folks use their knowledge and skills to entertain Mickey's guests. I spent a lot of time talking to KC4XX, Hank, a double "E" in charge of the Monorail. "Hankster", as he calls himself, said his job responsibilities include, "...playing with the neatest train set in the world!" He's doing amazing things with GPS tracking and computerized control, and best of all he'll tell you all about it. Give him a call, he's usually on the 2m machine at drive times, and intermittently throughout the day.

Some GARS members are probably planning a pilgrimage to Orlando this summer, to spend some time with the mouse and his friends. If you take along your Ham Radio hobby you're sure to enjoy your visit even more!

Kevin

*Rita (KE4WVV) and myself found it very useful for those times when we wanted to do some seperate things but still get back together at random times.*

-Ed

Dog Show  
August 21, 22, 23

Volunteers are still needed to help out with Parking Control. The 'Donation' that the club will receive helps the club keep activities such as Field Day and the Christmas Party at expected levels. Contact one of the officers to donate your time.

## GARS Annual Club Picnic August 29 Fort Yargo

Make plans to attend this event as it promises to be fun for all. More details next issue.



Ike, KE4GYM and 1998 Field Day Chairman Mark, KD3GC Discussing next Years Field Day????

## 1998 Field Day "Canathon" A Success

by Mike Swiderski, K4HBI

This years field day had an additional twist, a "Canathon", an idea presented at the club Christmas party by Sharon Adcock (KA4KKF, David's better half). The "canathon" proceeds were chosen to go to the Norcross Cooperative Ministry, P.O. Box 1489, Norcross, GA, 30091. Many of you, especially those that worked with the Red Cross during the recent tornado disaster, passed the unassuming location on Medlock Bridge Road and probably were next to it during some of the operations. This Ministry is a collective association of many denominations and churches within the county and provides to the needs of people in the area. They do far more than can be done justice in print. Shirley Gabe of the Ministry thankfully accepted the clubs donation with a lot of sincere gratitude and with the comment that our donation "was really needed, as this time of year the food donations seem to be typically at a low".

I am very proud of the GARS people to have come forth and make the "canathon" a success. The donation consisted of over 167 items, toiletries, can goods, boxed foods, etc. that totaled over 127 pounds and filled four large cardboard boxes along with \$5 in cash. In true GARS spirit, **a job well done**, and let us make this a field day tradition, or for that matter a standard for any event where it can be accommodated, in fact lets try to fill our hearts with the warm feelings of helping others, as often as we can.

Thanks Folks, Mike, K4HBI



## Education Classes to Start

Beginning on Tuesday September 22, GARS will begin a 7 week set of courses at the Gwinnett Central High School from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M..

However, BEFORE I recruit educators, and announce what courses will be offered:

I NEED STUDENTS, and YOU NEED TO UPGRADE, (me too) & Amateur Radio must focus on attracting our youth. Any class could be offered, however, in consideration to the GARS Instructors, and VE's, I wish to register a minimum of 10 students for each class. PLEASE Call me anytime at (404) 869-1347

GARS could offer code classes: 5 wpm, and/or 13 wpm. and/or 20 wpm. and any of the theory elements:

New question pools are scheduled  
 Novice (Element 2) July 1, 1997  
 Technician (Element 3A) July 1, 1997  
 General (Element 3B) July 1, 1998  
 Advanced (Element 4A) July 1, 1999  
 Amateur Extra (Ele. 4B) July 1, 1996

Question pools typically change every 4 years by the FCC.

The ARRL can additionally offer CEU's. (Continuing Education Units). For every 10 hours of attendance, 1 CEU credit is earned by the student!

73's, Winslow Jackson, N1TWX  
 ARRL Educational Coordinator,  
 Southeastern Division

## GA. 6 Meter SSB Net Changing Frequency

**Due to increasing QRM resulting from improved 6 meter band conditions and increased operator activity, the net frequency is being changed from 50.135 to 50.235 MHZ.**

**This change will be effective Monday, July 6, 1998 and should reduce unnecessary QRM resulting from close proximity to the 50.125 MHZ Six Meter "calling frequency". See the 'Net' section of this GARZETTE.**

The Cries rang out at Midnight  
 Gumbo..Gumbo..Gumbo..



Image by Brian Siegmund, KF4MWI

## AUGUST Birthdays Within GARS

By Jack Herndon, WU4H

4	KE4PIJ	Mack Adams
4	K4BI	Jim Holt
5	KF4ACZ	Robert Bradford
5	KS4WR	Donald Ennest
7	AB4RH	Billy Zeyher
7	WE5O	Ron Langston
7	N4WUW	Chuck Mabry
8	KB6RRX	Doug Kregel
9	A~RR1	Ruth Reginella
9	K4GZZ	Karl Phillips
10	KF4KSE	William Moon
14	AF4FG	M. Earl Whatley
14	KF4NOH	Darren Perlongo
14	KF4YQV	Donald Vick
15	KF4SBV	Glenn Tippins
15	KE4VGM	David White
16	KF4WEE	Cora Salvino
16	KE4VTH	James Knight
17	KD4YHJ	Pam Lewis
20	KD4GPI	Jeff Harrison
21	KF4NOG	Eugene Gach
22	W4KXK	James Baker
23	KF4HRZ	Jan Huckaby
24	KE4QCM	Tom Fuller
24	KD4QB	Doyle Whiteaker
25	N4WWU	Louis Manglass

## GARS Packet BBS Back Online

Just to let you know that the GARS Packet BBS is back online at the repeater site. The access Frequency is 145.070. To connect to the BBS you can use either KD6CLO or the BBS alias GARS to connect. The "LAW LAN" node, KD6CLO-7/LAW is also running on 145.070. Please feel free to use the BBS to its fullest extent and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to packet or email me.

Thanks and 73

John Farr, KD6CLO  
 Digital Radio Chairman  
 Digital Radio Committee



## Does A Tree Make A Sound When.....YOU BET IT DOES!

by Randy Grunwell, KE4YZV

Although the time before going on vacation can be very hectic, I decided to put off the inevitable drudgery of packing to watch some TV with my son. The weather was looking a little rough, but nothing like several weeks before.

Just past 20:00, the sound of a sudden driving rain outside was immediately followed by a tremendous BOOM of thunder. Immediately, there came what sounded like a short but intense hail storm. The house shook, and my son and I both jumped straight up, and began running around, turning off TVs and computers. I grabbed my radio, sure that I could contribute to the weather net that most assuredly would be in progress. I opened my deck door to check on the hail size before calling in.

I couldn't see my deck. It wasn't a problem with light, there was just this big pile of stuff there. No rain, no hail. But there was one very big pine tree decorated with my back gutters and soffits, covering my deck.

I immediately turned on my radio to check in, only to find that not only was there no net, but that I was the only person reporting any damage. While trying to convey what had happened to those listening (I'm sorry, I can't even remember who I broke in on), I was checking damage. A rafter in the attic was shattered, four holes in the roof, and the deck was in bad shape. I was trying to figure out how I was going to cover the roof, and whether we would be able to leave the following morning when the most miraculous thing happened: hams started appearing.

Joe, AD4PZ, was the first on the scene, catching me trying to cast a line over the house to pull a tarp over (I am deathly respectful of heights). He climbed up for me and inspected the damage. One of the tall pines in the back had been snapped cleanly about 10' off the ground, had hit the roof, and

had broken about a third off from the top. The top piece then plunged through the 2x4 planks of my deck, while the remaining trunk knocked the outside edge of the deck off its uprights.

Not ten minutes after Joe's arrival, Eddie, WD4JEM, and his wife Jeri came with their caving equipment. With practiced ease, ropes were secured over my house, and safety harnesses were adorned by Joe and Eddie. They immediately set to work clearing the debris.

Then Jeff, KE4NBD showed up with a new tarp that he had purchased just after the tornadoes, just in case it could be of use. That was sent up to Joe and Eddie, and they secured it on the roof. Lowry, KM4Z, came by, and also pitched in. And there were others, many others, volunteering ladders, rope, tarps, and assistance.

I cannot put into words how wonderful it felt to have so many of these fine people give up their Friday night to help someone in need. I know that that is part of the services that amateurs provide, but I guess I didn't REALLY understand it until it happened to me.

The tarp is still on the roof, and no water has come in. The insurance guys are scratching their heads to come up with estimates, and we did take that vacation. I know that the damage here was not nearly as severe as those hit by the tornadoes, but it certainly was



close to home. I'm just glad that I have found such a caring, helpful group of people. And I hope that sometime in the future, I can help another in need, and pass on some of the kindness and goodwill that was given to me.

Note: Special thanks to Pat, KE4IKC for providing some talk in instructions and message relays. If the damage had occurred while the Grunwell's were gone, the devastation could have been much worse. You see upon taking out Randy's deck, it ruptured the gas line to his grill...need more be said. -Ed



## JUNE Meeting Minutes

by John Sokol, K9AOK - Secretary

General Meeting Minutes of June 18, 1998

Called to Order- 7:41pm/local By: Ike Chapman, KE4GYM

In Attendance: 60 members in attendance, 7 new members, 6 visitors 73 people were welcomed.

President Chapman invited all in attendance to introduce themselves.

VP Fowler reminded everyone about the ARC hamfest on Saturday 6/20. Volunteers are still needed to handle the Talk In for the fest. For those who donate at least 2 hours, their admittance to the fest will be free. See John, K9AOK to sign up.

Next Month's Pre-meeting dinner will be changed. It looks quite possible the new location will be The Mellow Mushroom on GA 120 at Lawrenceville-Suwannee road in Lawrenceville. The gathering will begin around 5:30pm.

Marty, KE4MLH; announced that volunteers will be needed in August for the AKC Dog Show. The event will be held on Aug. 21, 22 and 23. This is a very important event for the club, everyone needs to volunteer what time they can.

Paul, K4BET; is in need of volunteers on July 4th between 7am and 4pm for a parade in downtown Atlanta. This is a co-operative effort with the Shriners. Please contact Paul at his home for duty assignment.

Earl, AE4FG; has announced a Technician-No Code class co-sponsored by the area Boy Scouts in August. The class will take 8-10 weeks, depending on the class and will be held on Sunday afternoons. The location of the class and exact starting date will be announced soon. This class will be open to all interested parties.

Rick, KD4VOJ; is gathering interest in a possible "DxPedition to the Dayton HamVention". If you are interested, please contact Rick.

John, K9AOK; read the Gwinnett County Proclamation that was presented to President Chapman on Tuesday by the County Commissioners proclaiming the week of June 21-27 1998 as Gwinnett County, GA, Amateur Radio Appreciation Week.

Mike, K4HBI; read State Senate Proclamation (Resolution 485) submitted by State Senator of District 37, Clay and of District 49, Cagle proclaiming June 27-28 1998 as Amateur Radio Weekend.

Kevin, KF4HFN; distributed service awards to those in attendance.

Win, N1TWX; offered to all to view photos of the April 9th Tornado Disaster Relief effort.

Jack, WU4H; presented 10 applications for membership. All were voted in unanimously.

K4BET - Paul; KF4YQU - Dennis (Brent); KF4YSU - Dan; KF4WEF - James (Corbett); KF4YST - Sid; N4TRB - Brian; KF4YQV - Donald; KF4MDW - Michael; KF4SYP - Scott; WB4TXR - Doris

Ike, KE4GYM requested a motion to accept the secretary's minutes, as posted in the Garzette. The minutes were motioned for approval, seconded and approved unanimously.

Randy, K4HS; presented the Treasurer's report to those in attendance. A copy of the report was submitted to the secretary. Total liabilities and equity as of 6/17/98 is \$5,066.46. The motion to accept the report was made by Marty, KE4MLH; and seconded by Mike, K4HBI. Approval was unanimous.

Ike, KE4GYM; reported the Tax Exempt (501-c-3) status has been submitted to the IRS and is in their hands for approval. No expected time of return, however, the secretary has received correspondence from the IRS that the request has been received and a tracking number has been assigned.

Ike, KE4GYM; reminded everyone that there will be a raffle for a donated wall hanging. The lucky winner will be drawn on Sunday at Noon. Winner need not be present. The raffle tickets will be offered at \$5.00.

Program: Tonight's program is by Mark, KD3GC; and is all about Field Day. A very in depth look at field day's gone by and what is in store for us this year. The event will start at 1400 local on Saturday, June 27th and will end at 1400 on Sunday, June 28th. The Midnight Meal will be Gumbo and Beignet, after last years' rave reviews. The band captains were introduced and volunteers were sought to fill open slots on all bands. David, KA4KKF held a refresher course on logging and checking for duplicates.

During the meeting, all in attendance were issued raffle tickets. The winner was Tom, K4TJD ! The gift? A \$25 gift certificate to HRO! Enjoy the gift, Tom!

Meeting Adjourned at 9:31pm local By: Ike, KE4GYM



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Field Day committees to build on. If you're interested in becoming the next chairman, please get in touch with me or call Mark and discuss it with him first to get an idea of what's involved. Mark is now moving on to become out Contesting and Awards Chairman and I look forward to having **GARS** more involved in existing contests and maybe some special contests just for **GARS**.

I want to also thank all of the **GARS** members that assisted with the Atlanta Radio Club Hamfest this past month as well. We provided manpower for the talk-in station and for the public address booth at the Hamfest. Karl Phillips, K4GZZ and Tom Dooley, K4TJD had the tough assignment of doing the announcing but they managed to tough it out, heck I don't think either of them took a break the whole day.

After a big flurry of club activities we've decided to slow down for a bit during the month of July. The weather is hot, we'll have lots of our members out on vacation so we don't have any activities planned for July except for the club meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> and our Weekly Family Breakfast on each Saturday. We'll start getting active again in August with the Cherokee Rose Cluster Dog Show on August 21-23 and the annual **GARS** Picnic and Pig Roast on the following weekend.

We have a Special Event Station planned for October 6<sup>th</sup> with the EAA group at Briscoe Field in Lawrenceville. We worked with them last year and had a great time. We need to get a coordinator for this event so we can do the PR and planning. Again please let me know if you're interested. This year I'd like to have us make up special QSL cards instead of going the certificate route so we'll need to get working on this right away.

As always, we're always open to ideas for activities, so if you know of an event you'd like to see us get involved with or if you have an idea for an activity please contact me or Kevin McClure, KF4HFN.



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next to his radio shack.

In November of that same year, Tom bought his first ham rig....a Kenwood TS-870. He passed his code test to become a full Technician upgrading in May to Tech-Plus. Tom really had no ham friends at that time so he just "winged it" in setting up his gear. Tom says it took him about six months to get up the nerve to get on the air and his first contacts were with Jack - WU4H and John - K9AOK on 10 meter phone. He had no one to encourage or humiliate him so that is why it took him so long to pick up the mike. He says he spent those six months prior to making his first contacts "wandering aimlessly around the HF bands...just listening." Essentially, he had no one to direct him, so he decided to do something about it.

Tom took a General class in the Winter of 97, more so just to create the opportunity to meet other hams. John Veach - KE4D (Man, I miss having John around!) was the instructor and it was there he met the honorable Gene Gach - KF4NOG. Tom then began to build that ham "support group" he needed, that would give him the encouragement that he needed. He says that it was at this time that all of his electronic childhood memories began to come back into his mind and he really began to enjoy the hobby.

Toms' other hobby is - without a doubt - flying model aircraft. Tom told me both of his parents were licensed private pilots !!! Tom didn't follow their lead though, as Tom suffers from severe motion sickness. He is okay in the front seat or even driving, but if you put Tom in the back seat...better have a case of Dramamine with you!!!! This is why Tom doesn't mind doing all the driving when he loads up his van with hams and goes to all these Hamfests we've been going to lately. Gene Gach...I'll bet you wondered why Tom always rides in the front seat when you are driving ! I guess you could say, Tom takes a backseat to no-one ! (an old motion-sickness joke).

Toms' radio gear is his trusty Kenwood TS-870. He has a Cushcraft R7000 vertical and a G5RV dipole. On UHF/VHF, Tom runs a Yaesu 2500 in the shack and a Yaesu 8500 dual-bander in the vehicle.

Tom joined GARS around November of

## ...on the Air

1996 and says he really enjoys being a member of the club. He says the club really "fuels" his interest in the hobby.

Tom dated his wife, Catherine for 7 years before they wed, 17 years ago. They live in Norcross with their two daughters - Aimee, who is 12 and Patricia, who is 7.

I first met Tom "officially" while carpooling with him, KF4NOG and N4EW - Pete Culwell, to the Kennahoochie Hamfest....and YES ! Tom did all of the driving. I knew that I would like Tom right from the start. I could tell he had that "left of center" sense of humor, just like me. Since then, we've associated on several occasions, the latest being the antenna testing and raising party we held at my house. Thanks- Tom. If you get the chance to get to know Tom, you won't regret it. He's a super guy and fun to be around. You'll probably catch him on the repeater on weekends and maybe in the afternoons. It was a plea sure to feature Tom this month. If you have someone in mind that you would like to see featured, please let me know. 73 for now

Tom and Karl had a lot of fun in the Announcers BOX at the ARC



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bers will tentatively be an APRS demonstration. In September we'll be part of a Red Cross Damage Assessment Certification class taught by Fred and Pat Runkle (K4KAZ & KC4DOO). This will be followed by the National Simulated Emergency Test on Oct. 3rd. Our planned exercise will be to go to a sub-division under construction and use the partially built houses as examples of tornado damage. Each one will then assess the house for damages. After passing this training course, participants will be qualified to do real time damage assessments with the Red Cross as well as be communicators. This is not required training for ARES membership, but a lot of people who worked communications during the tornado were very interested in becoming certified. So this will be an opportunity to get the training and increase your skills as a disaster volunteer. The October meeting will be a critique of the SET results. So there are several activities that hope will interest you and be something you'll participate in. Please attend if you can. We need everyone to train together and be a part of the ARES activities if you want a strong organization in Gwinnett Co. Thanks again to you who already show up for meetings and training sessions. You will make a positive difference in how we perform our duties when the next disaster strikes.

Well enough for this month. Be sure and check out all the Internet weather related sites and ARES sites. I'll get Jeff (KD4GPI) to add some more to Gwinnetts ARES web page so you'll just have to click on the site you want. Gwinnett ARES web page address is [www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Hangar/3516](http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Hangar/3516) for those who may not know the address. Address is case sensitive so type it in correctly. Best regards (73) until next month.

Lowry Rouse KM4Z  
E.C. for Gwinnett Co.

**Designated Food Quality Control Inspectors:**

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Even the youngsters worked their share of the points load

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John and Son are  
'AOK'  
having survived  
Field Day

Mike & Susan  
(below)  
are quite  
'Extra' ordinary  
By the way did  
we have any  
contacts with  
NU5DE??



Jim & Randy  
are the proud  
Pie slinging  
winners this  
year.



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## Metro Atlanta Club Meetings

## First Tuesday

## Metro Atlanta Telephone Pioneers

Old Hickory House, 5490 Chamblee/Dunwoody Rd,  
 Dunwoody. Dutch dinner is at 6:30PM, followed by  
 meeting. Talk In 145.410(-)

## First Tuesday

## Kennehoochee ARC

First United Methodist Church in Marietta.  
 Meeting begins at 7:30pm. Talk In 146.88(-)

## First Wednesday

## HamWatch

Alpha Soda Resturant, Haynes Bridge Road, Alpharetta,  
 Dinner at 6:30PM. Meeting at 7:30PM

## First Thursday

## N.E. Ga ARC

Jefferson Civic Center, off of Memorial Dr. toward Winder  
 from Jefferson. Meeting is at 6:30PM. Talk In - 147.225(+)

## Atlanta Radio Club

Georgia Power Federal Credit Union, 4900 Ashford  
 Dunwoody Road, 1 Mile North of Perimeter Mall. Meeting  
 is at 7:30PM Talk In -146.820(-)

## Second Wednesday

## North Fulton Radio League

Alpharetta Diner Resturant, Haynes Bridge Road,  
 Alpharetta, Diner at 6:30PM. Meeting at 7:30PM Talk In -  
 145.47(-)

## Second Thursday

## Alford Memorial Radio Club

Elks Lodge on Memorial Drive. Dinner at 6:00PM  
 Meeting at 7:30PM. Talk In - 146.760(-)

## Second Saturday

## East Atlanta LAN

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Dunwoody  
 Meeting is at 10:00AM. Talk In - 145.41(-)AND  
 443.025+T100

## 3rd THURSDAY

## Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society

Central Baptist Church in Lawrenceville. Meeting begins  
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**GARS meets the third Thursday of each month at Central Baptist Church on Gwinnett Drive in Lawrenceville. The next meeting will be on JULY 16 at 7:30 P.M.**

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## Metro Atlanta Test Sessions

**GARS** Publishes Metro Area VE/VEC Exam Schedules as a Service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions.

1st Sunday - 2:00pm (except Jul&Sep.)  
Terry Jones, K4FB 770-967-6364  
Johnson High School WCARS VEC  
3305 Poplar Springs RD, Gainesville

1st Saturday - 9:00AM  
George White, KN4NG 361-6850  
Clayton Co. Emergency Mgmt. Bldg.  
7496 N. McDonough St. - Jonesboro

2nd Tuesday - 7:00PM  
Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA 498-7759  
Walton EMC, 3645 Lenora Church Rd,  
Snellville

2nd Saturday - 8:30AM - CA VEC  
Hal Martin, KI4RD - 978-9160  
Stone Mountain Methodist Church  
5312 West Mountain St., Stone Mtn.

3rd Saturdays - 9:00AM - CA VEC  
Larry Huff, WA4CQZ - 955-3171  
Marietta First United Methodist  
Church 56 Whitlock Ave, Room 305

4th Tuesday - 7:00PM ARRL VEC  
Jessie Clower, KB4WFK - 942-6466  
United Way Service Center  
6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville,  
GA

4th Friday - 7:00PM  
W5YI-VEC  
Howie Gould, W4NVF 921-8362  
St. John Neumann Church  
801 Tom Smith Rd, off Five Forks  
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Mon	50.235	8:30PM	Regional 6 Meter SSB Net
Mon	147.21+	8:00PM	Conyers ARES Net t-162.2
Mon	145.45-	8:00PM	ARES Net (Decatur)
Mon	145.47-	8:00PM	North Fulton ARL Net
Mon	145.41-	8:30PM	MATPARC Net
Mon	3.975	8:00PM	Swap Net
Mon	147.075+	9:00PM	Gwinnett ARES Net
Tue	147.075+	8:00PM	GARS Weekly Net
Tue	147.075+	9:00PM	GARS CW Practice
Tue	145.47-	10:30PM	Insomniac Net
Tue	28.420	7:30PM	Ten Meter Traders Net
Wed	145.41	11:30AM	Boy Scout Youth Net
Wed	145.41-	8:00PM	Chapter 49, QCWA Net
Wed	146.67-	9:00PM	LARC Net
Thu	146.88-	8:30PM	Kennehoochee ARC
Thu	147.225+	8:00PM	NE Ga ARC
Thu	147.15	8:00PM	simplex
Thu	145.41-	9:30PM	AMSAT
Thu	427.25ATV	9:00PM	Amateur Television, ATV
	146.655	Voice	
Fri	3.898	8:00PM	GA Traders Net
Fri	145.47-	8:00PM	NFARL Youth Net
Fri	146.45-	Midnight	Turnip Truck Net
Sat	7.275	8:00AM	Swap Net
Sat	3.857	9:00AM	Chapter 49, QCWA Net
Sat	146.45-	Midnight	Turnip Truck Net
Sun	146.82-	8:00PM	ARC Net
Sun	146.76-	7:00PM	Roundtable AMRC t-107.2
Sun	7.275	9:00AM	GA Traders Net
Sun	3.983	5:00PM	GA ARES
Daily	146.76-	Noon	Brown Bag Net t-107.2
Daily	146.88-	11:00PM	Late Nite Owl Net
Daily	146.79-	8:00PM	Sassafrass Mtn.
Daily	3.975	6:00PM	WX & Skywarn

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